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Reference 1 was cited in the specification. References 2-6 were cited in a Search Report dated March 16, 2004 received from the Japanese Patent Office. Applicant is submitting copies of the above-cited references, together with a copy of the Search Report. The relevance of references 2-6 has been described in the Search Report.

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